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May 17: The United States consul at Sagua la Grande reports that during the week ended May 15 there were in that city 24 new cases and no deaths reported from yellow fever, and 14 cases and 1 death from smallpox.

Sanitary report from Habana.

HABANA, CUBA, May 22, 1897.

Sir: I have the honor to inform you that the mortality from smallpox continues to diminish, and has now reached just about the proportions that it had one year ago, before the severe epidemic of it commenced. Yellow fever is still confined almost entirely to the Spanish troops in military hospitals with about the same mortality as last week, the cool dry weather which has prevailed here for over six weeks still continuing.

Mortuary report.—During the week ended May 20 there were 202 deaths from all diseases in this city, 16 of which were caused by yellow fever, with approximately 60 new cases; 7 were caused by smallpox, with 50 new cases, approximately; 11 were caused by enteric fever, 5 by so-called pernicious fever, 4 by paludal fever, 8 by dysentery, 18 by enteritis, 1 by diphtheria, 5 by pneumonia, and 29 by tuberculosis. Fifteen of the deaths from yellow fever during the week were among Spanish soldiers in the military hospitals, while the remaining one was a civilian in the city. All of the 7 deaths from smallpox were among civilians.

Very respectfully,

D. M. BURGESS,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

INDIA.

Remarks on the official summary of deaths and births in the city of Bombay for the week ended April 20, 1897.

BOMBAY, April 22, 1897.

SIR: The population continues to return at the rate of 1,500 to 2,000 per day. All persons entering the city are rigidly inspected by medical officers. There is a gratifying gradual improvement from day to day in the number of cases of plague reported and in the total mortality in the city. The health officer still continues the absurdity of calculating the annual rate of mortality per 1,000 on the basis of census population of 1891, and thus makes it 51.69 when it should be about double that figure.

Population according to census of 1891.....	821,764
Present population, for the purpose of this report, estimated one-half the above..	410,882
Total number of deaths reported for the week.....	836
Total number of deaths for corresponding week last year.....	687
Mean of corresponding week previous five years	614
Allowing that one-half the population has left the city, the proportionate number of deaths based on the mean of previous five years would be.....	307
Number of deaths last week that may be attributed to plague.....	529
Average per day from plague.....	76
Number of deaths from plague officially reported for week.....	310
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Average per day	44
Probable average number of deaths per day from plague reported as having died of other diseases.....	32
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	76